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## AMENDED RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 12, 2006 ("Notice"). The instant filing provides the complete listing of claims, which had been inadvertently omitted from the Response filed February 23, 2006. No changes to the Remarks/Arguments or to the other claims have been made. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

The period for responding expired on June 12, 2006. However, Applicants are filing a Petition for Extension of Time (one month) concurrently with this paper, which extends the time for

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response to July 12, 2006. Thus, this response is timely filed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants request the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.